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Docket 02-70 NO to COMCAST BUYOUT of AT&T

Dear Ms. Senecal:

Docket 02-70

I just e-mailed and PROTESTED the COMCAST buyout of AT&T Television Cable. I said the price per month was \$39 in Philadelphia Center City for MINIMAL cable. CORRECTION! The COMCAST Cost per month has risen to about \$42.00 for Basic cable connetion. No wonder COMCAST can pay \$70 million for AT&T and pay all its debts. The little guys are paying for this. Give us a

break. NO to this MONOPOLY!!!

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Docket 02-70: NO to Comcast AT&T Merger

Dear Ms. Senecal: Re: Docket 02-70

WHAT COMCAST NEEDS IS COMPETITION - NOT A MERGER!

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE COMCAST/AT&T MERGER.
I live in Center City Philadelphia in a private house. I MUST purchase

Comcast BASIC Cable merely to get TV reception. It is outrageous! Because of interference from hospitals, office buildings, high rises, et al., there are many like me with the same need for Basic cable. Every consumer is a hostage to COMCAST and the company's continual price increases. There is NO

COMPETITION. Comcast is a MONOPOLY. Basic cable began at \$10-14 a month.

The cost for BASIC cable now, just so I can watch TV news on regular channels, is up to \$39.00 PER MONTH. The cost has risen rapidly, and

COMCAST is not a nice company. COMCAST is NOT CONSUMER FRIENDLY. It does not begit to be contacted to contact the contact of cable on one's TV set when it wants to Two giants

not hesitate to cut off cable on one's TV set when it wants to. Two giants that monopolize the cable business rules out any competition. Now it will be one monster. It is not good for consumers and the little guys.

If anything, the Government should encourage and enhance opportunities for competition for Comcast and AT&T in the areas they serve.

I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN. For many senior citizens (with diminished incomes)

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